

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-16. (Canceled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33 ~~47~~, further comprising:
responding to the broadcast message via a response message by the client having received the broadcast message.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33 ~~47~~, further comprising:
sending signaling information including client address information item formed from the stored information that relates to the a sought client, the signaling information sent to the sought client prior to transmitting the broadcast message; ~~broadcasting~~,

wherein the signaling information is rejected or not answered within a time period by the sought client; ~~and client~~,

wherein the broadcasted request message includes an identifier for the sought client, and
wherein the client address information item in the response message is for a call diversion destination client.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 19, wherein the searching client is the calling client.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the response message is sent by the sought client.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~33~~ 47, further comprising: calling the searching client from a calling client prior to transmitting the broadcast message, ~~broadcasting, where~~ the searching client belonging ~~belongs~~ to a call transfer group, and transferring the call to the searching client using the stored client address information that describes clients in the call transfer group.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the broadcast request message is transmitted to at least the call transfer group clients that are not clients, ~~excluding the searching client, client, described in the stored information.~~

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 23, wherein the sought client is a client in the call transfer group,

wherein the response message is received from the sought client,

wherein the client address information item in the response message is for the sought client, and

wherein the communication link is set up ~~setup~~ between the calling client and the sought client.

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, further comprising: calling the searching client with ~~from~~ the calling client prior to transmitting the broadcast request message, ~~broadcasting~~,

wherein the stored client address information describe clients in a call transfer group, wherein the broadcast request message is transmitted to the call transfer group clients described in the stored information, and

wherein the clients involved in the communication link are in a free operating state at a start of the sending of signaling information, ~~signaling~~.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33 ~~47~~, ~~further comprising~~: wherein the stored client address information describe clients in a group, and wherein the communication link is set up between the calling client and ~~to~~ a sought client having transmitted the response message first.

27. (Original) The method according to claim 26, wherein the calling client is the searching client.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 27, further comprising:
responding to the broadcast message via a response message via the client having received the
broadcast message,

wherein an order among the clients in the group assigned to transmit a response message
is stipulated and stipulated, and wherein the sending of eah signaling information is effected on
the clients of the group these clients in succession.

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 27, further comprising:
responding to the broadcast message via a response message via the client having received the
broadcast message, wherein the ~~eah~~ sending of signaling information on the clients is effected
simultaneously.

30. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~33~~ 47, wherein the client
address information item in the response message is stored by the searching client in a database,
and wherein the database is accessed ~~in order~~ to set up the communication link.

31. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~33~~ 47, wherein the broadcast
message comprises at least one filter criterion for selecting particular clients, and wherein the
response message is transmitted from a ~~respective~~ client that meets ~~meet~~ the at least one filter
criterion.

32. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33 ~~47~~, wherein the broadcast message comprises at least one filter criterion for selecting particular clients, and wherein the response message is transmitted from a ~~respective~~ client having a property that meets ~~which meet~~ the at least one filter criterion.

33. (Currently Amended) A method for setting up a communication link between a plurality of clients in a directly communicating communication network, comprising:
storing client address information in a distributed form for the plurality of clients;
transmitting a broadcast request message from a searching client;
receiving a response message comprising a client address information item from a client having received the broadcast message;
sending signaling information comprised of the client address information item, the signaling information configured for setting up the communication link between a calling client and a client indicated by the client address information item; and

~~The method according to claim 17, further comprising:~~ sending a waiting destination descriptor to the searching client prior to sending the broadcast message, broadcasting, wherein a communication link to ~~a the sought client that is client, which is~~ connected to a client used as a waiting destination having with a waiting destination ~~descriptor~~ descriptor, is set up via the waiting destination ~~descriptor~~ describer being sent to the searching client prior to sending the broadcast message, broadcasting